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Dear Sir:

This amendment and reply is in response to the Final Rejection dated November 21, 2005, which has a shortened statutory period for response of three months that expires on February 21, 2006. This reply is additionally in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed on October 14, 2005.

This response is being submitted by January 21, 2006 with Applicants' request that it please be considered by the examiner.